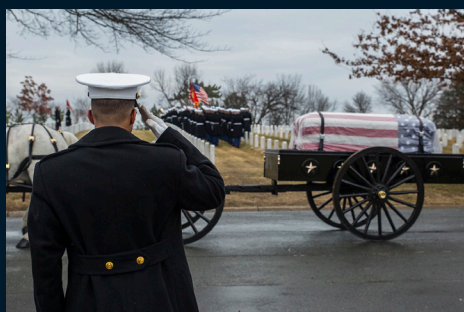


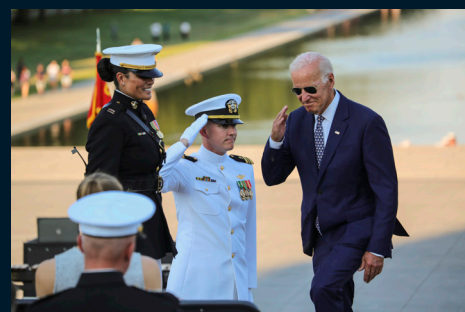


HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY

Headquarters and Service Company is comprised of a variety of sections designed to support other companies in their ceremonial commitments. Administration, logistics, networks, and motor transport are just a few of the many responsibilities H&S Co. holds. Aside from regular daily tasks, H&S Co. supports the marching companies during their parades, funerals and all other ceremonial events. Below are just a few of the different responsibilities unique to Marine Barracks Washington that H&S Co. provides.



During Full Honors Funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, Marines from H&S Co. are posted at intersections along the route of the caisson. As it passes, these Marines ensure its path is clear and render a salute to the deceased. [above]



The Hosting Element is responsible for welcoming all guests and escorting VIP guests at MBW ceremonies and for setting and maintaining the ceremonial atmosphere. The Hosting Element is made up of Marines from nearly every section within H&S Co. [above]

The Docents of Marine Barracks Washington have the unique responsibility of learning, understanding, and passing along the knowledge, traditions, and intricacies of MBW. These Marines study our history and present it to guests touring the Barracks. [right]



Every morning and evening, seven days a week, teams of three comprised of Marines from H&S Co. raise and lower the National Ensign and the POW/MIA flag. [left] They also have the honor of lowering a replica of the original flag flown here at the Barracks in 1801, displaying 15 stars and stripes at Friday Evening Parades. [left]